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Agenda For Interview After Final

Dear Sir:

Counsel for Applicant requests an interview with the Examiner and his Supervisor to discuss the latest office action. Counsel for Applicant is available Wednesday and Thursday (Aug. 31 and Sept. 1). Counsel is unavailable for the following two weeks (Sept. 5-16), but is available thereafter.

Applicants propose the following agenda:

1. A discussion of the subject matter of the present application and the relationship of the subject matter to the claim wording of claim 1.

- 2. A discussion of the prior art reference of Chow (U.S. 6,226,693) in view of the present application and more specifically claim 1.
- 3. A discussion of the following points:
- a. The present application includes claims directed to scheduling an event in a calendar of an invitee. A calendar contains an association between an occurrence/event and a fixed date and time. The prior art reference of Chow does not include any data structure that can be construed as a calendar. Col. 7 lines 45-62 of Chow discloses a hash table. The hash table associates, events, ID, and a link to a list of callback functions. The hash table is clearly not a calendar.
- b. Claim 1 is directed to a method for scheduling an event over a network. Applicant points out that the Chow patent does not schedule an event over a network. Chow is directed to events that occur on a personal computer (See Fig. 1).
- c. As used in claim 1, an invitee is a user. The specification defines the term invitee at page 3 of the specification.
- d. Applicants wish to point out that the server of the present invention as defined in claim 1 creates "an event record." The event record is separate entity from the calendar of the invitee. The server creates a link between the event record and the calendar of the invitee. The reference to Chow does not show a calendar and a separate event record wherein the event record has a link to the calendar. The Chow reference

merely shows a hash table (look-up table) having a list of related identifiers, events, and pointers to callback functions.

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